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SUBJECT: PORT DETENTION SURCHARGE: LAGOS/APAPA, NIGERIA

REFS: (A) LAGOS 7338; (B) LAGOS 8687

1. FOR THE RECORD, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT PORT CONGESTION IN LAGOS/APAPA HAS HIT ANOTHER PEAK IN LATE SEPTEMBER, EARLY OCTOBER PERIOD. TRADE SOURCES ATTRIBUTE THIS TO FINAL BURST OF HEAVY SUMMER RAINS ENDING ABOUT SEPTEMBER 26, AGGRAVATED BY OCTOBER 1 INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY. DELAY TIME FOR SHIPS WAITING TO OFFLOAD HIT 16-17 DAYS LAST WEEK.

2. AS OF OCTOBER 9, WAITING TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) SHIPS CARRYING GOODS FOR IMPORT: 14-15 DAYS; (B) SHIPS PICKING UP GOODS FOR EXPORT: 5-6 DAYS; (C) SHIPS FOR LAGOS CUSTOMS QUAY: 10-11 DAYS; (D) SHIPS TO OFFLOAD BY LIGHTER (LIGHT CARGO): 5-6 DAYS.

3. CONSENSUS OF OPINION AMONG TRADE SOURCES AND PORT OFFICIALDOM IS THAT (FOLLOWING ELIMINATION OF PRESENT BACKLOG) LAGOS/APAPA SHOULD NOT BE IN FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF "NORMAL" ACTIVITY, MEANING 3-4 DAYS WAITING TIME FOR SHIPS IN CATAGORY (A) ABOVE. SUMMER RAINS, WHICH AFFECT PORT ON AND OFF FROM MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER, ARE LARGELY OVER; AND PORT LABOR SITUATION, THROUGH
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IT THREATENED TO FLARE UP AGAIN IN LATE SEPTEMBER, APPEARS TO

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